

M I N U T E S
SANDY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Sandy City Hall - Council Chamber Room #211
10000 Centennial Parkway
Sandy, Utah 84070

MAY 3, 2005

Meeting was commenced at 7:26 p.m.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Chairman Scott Cowdell, Vice Chairman John Winder, Bryant Anderson, Steve Fairbanks, Chris McCandless, Linda Martinez-Saville, and Dennis Tenney

Mayor: Tom Dolan

Others in Attendance: CAO Byron Jorgenson; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Public Utilities Director Shane Pace; Assistant Public Works Director Paul Browning; Executive Assistant to the Mayor Marsha Millet; Management Analyst Korban Lee; Director of Human Resources Brian Kelley Economic Development Director Randy Sant; Police Chief Stephen Chapman; Fire Chief Don Chase; Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay; Administrative Services Director Art Hunter; Assistant CAO Jamie Davidson; Assistant to the CAO Ryan Mecham; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Office Manager Naleen Wright

1. OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/PLEDGE:

The Prayer was offered by Boy Scout Cody Bollschweiler of Troop #804, and the Pledge was led by Paul Stratford, of Troop #894.

2. CITIZEN(S) COMMENTS:

a. None

3 SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Arbor Day 2005 Proclamation

Parks & Recreation Director **Nancy Shay** read a proclamation into the record declaring that Arbor Day 2005 will be celebrated in conjunction with Sandy Pride Day on May 7, 2005. The proclamation encourages all residents and visitors to become active in the promotion and preservation of trees.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

4. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Sandy City Tentative Budgets

Resolution #05-35 C- adopting Tentative Budgets for Sandy City and Alta Canyon Recreation District for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; scheduling a public hearing; and providing for public access to tentative budgets and schedules.

DISCUSSION: Administrative Services Director **Art Hunter** provided each of the Council with binders containing the proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. He explained that any changes the Council might have to propose, or any changes in the budget itself, could be discussed in the next three weeks. On May 24th the public hearing has been scheduled to further review the budget and to take public comment. The budget could be adopted on May 31st or June 7th.

Scott Cowdell commented, "The Council won't have too many questions, until they have a chance to look through the tentative budget binder, and then do our homework."

Art Hunter explained to the Council that if they would read the summary of the budget, approximately the first 37 pages, they would get a feel for what is being proposed. Each department has its own specific budgetary detail.

MOTION:

Dennis Tenney made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-35 C- adopting the Tentative Budgets for Sandy City and Alta Canyon Recreation District for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; scheduling a public hearing; and providing for public access to tentative budgets and schedules.

SECOND: Chris McCandless
VOTE: Tenney- Yes, McCandless- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Winder- Yes,
Saville- Yes, Anderson- Yes, Cowdell- Yes

MOTION PASSED
7 in favor

**5. National League of Cities' Human Resources Medical Insurance Benefits [Power Point Presentation]
Administration's Perception**

DISCUSSION: Human Resources Director **Brian Kelley** provided a power point presentation involving information presented at a March, 2005 National League of Cities meeting regarding the rising costs of medical insurance benefits and possible measures that can be taken to lessen loss and health insurance expenses.

**6. Funds Transfer: Selective Enforcement (\$48,271)
Resolution #05-36 C- transferring funds within the General Fund.**

DISCUSSION: **Chief Chapman** explained that the Selective Traffic Enforcement program is fully self-funded by fines paid by those who break traffic laws. Each week there are 60 shifts who participate in this program. Over 3,295 hours of special traffic enforcement have resulted from this program, with 6,607 tickets being issued. 124 DUI tickets have been issued resulting in 16 arrests. Fines are collected and banked as a special line item in the budget to be used exclusively to fund the Selective Enforcement program. This has been a highly successful and beneficial program that enhances safety throughout the City.

John Winder asked, "Is this money being transferred from the General Contingency account?"

Chief Chapman responded, "Yes."

Bryant Anderson commented that this program has been a very successful way to provide additional traffic enforcement. He noted that the City's goal has been not to raise revenues, but to help people learn to abide by the speed limit.

MOTION: Bryant Anderson made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-36 C- transferring funds (\$48,271) within the General Fund.

SECOND: Linda Martinez Saville
VOTE: Anderson- Yes, Saville- Yes, Tenney- Yes, Winder- Yes,
McCandless- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Cowdell- Yes

MOTION PASSED
7 in favor

**7. Funds Transfer: Community Gardens Water Hook-up Costs (\$2,000)
Resolution #05-37 C- transferring funds within the General Fund.**

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director **Mike Coulam** reported that the City has been contacted by Shane Siwik, President of Utah G.A.R.D.E.N.S. Inc., a non profit organization, with regard to establishing a second community garden in Sandy (the first garden is located at 9200 South and 700 East). The proposed garden would be located in Historic Sandy at approximately 115 East 8400 South. When fully developed, this garden could accommodate approximately 60 - 4 foot x 40 foot garden plots. These plots are then rented out for \$40 each for the duration of the growing season.

The original request was for \$2,700, but it was later lowered to \$2,000, from the City's CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Fund). This request was to offset water hook-up costs and to help with the first six months of water charges. However, to qualify for CDBG funding, the money can only be used for infrastructure.

Mayor Dolan noted that the City does not waive fees for water meter hook-up costs. He suggested that the \$2000 previously allocated from the CDBG fund be put back, and then it can be reallocated next year.

MOTION: Chris McCandless made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-37 C- transferring (\$2,000) within the General Fund, and to reallocate \$2,000 back to the CDBG Grant fund.

SECOND: Dennis Tenney
VOTE: McCandless- Yes, Tenney- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Winder- Yes,
Saville- Yes, Anderson- Yes, Cowdell- Yes

MOTION PASSED
7 in favor

8. Funds Transfer: Youth City Council/Amphitheater Concert (\$1,500)
Resolution #05-38 C- transferring funds within the General Fund.

DISCUSSION: Marsha Millet explained that this funding, if approved, would be utilized by the Sandy Youth City Council to conduct a benefit concert at the Sandy Amphitheater. Proceeds from the concert will go to "One Life Revolution" which provides help for aids victims in Africa. They hope to be able to raise at least \$2,000. Proceeds would be used to help repay this loan as well.

MOTION: Steve Fairbanks made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-38 C- transferring funds (\$1,500) within the General Fund.

SECOND: Linda Martinez Saville
VOTE: Fairbanks- Yes, Saville- Yes, Tenney- Yes, Winder- Yes,
McCandless- Yes, Anderson- Yes, Cowdell- Yes

MOTION PASSED
7 in favor

MINUTES:

9. Approving the April 5, 2005 City Council Meeting Minutes, and the April 12, 2005 City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Steve Fairbanks made the motion to adopt the April 5, 2005 as presented, and the April 12, 2005 City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

SECOND: Dennis Tenney
VOTE: The Council voted verbally and unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION PASSED

10. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor Dolan** reported that a very successful company called Encover, based in Ireland, may be leasing space in the Cadence building. They sell service contracts to major retail companies. Apparently, they like the salary and cost of living structure in Utah. If it works out, they may move their corporate headquarters here. Mayor Dolan noted that this company was referred to Sandy by representatives of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah.

Economic Development Director **Randy Sant** added that the Xerox Corporation is one of its major clients.

- b.** The **Mayor** reported that B & D Medical has been meeting with City officials to discuss their expansion plans to add on to the existing buildings, and a new building access at the back of their property. They plan to invest one hundred million dollars into this large expansion project over the next 3 - 5 years. The location in Sandy has become their national distribution center for the new products they develop and manufacture. B & D Medical has asked for financial assistance through a City EDA (Economic Development Agency). If approved, the funds would be used to help defray costs for infrastructure related to the irrigation canal, and a new entrance as a result of the widening of State Street by UDOT. Mayor Dolan reported that he was very supportive of B & D's request. They provide Sandy with many high paying assembly jobs, as well as higher paying engineering jobs.
- c.** **Mayor Dolan** reported that the Legislature passed a law that will allow cities, having their own fire agencies, to create the Metro Fire Department. When created, Metro Fire will have an Operations Board and a Management Board. Both boards will be comprised of various city CAOs to begin with. Establishing the Metro Fire Department will allow cities to consolidate fire services without losing control of each city's own

local fire department. Metro Fire will have under its umbrella 26 fire stations compared to the Salt Lake County United Fire Authority's 17. Sandy's involvement in Metro Fire will provide some very distinct advantages and cost savings to our City.

- d. **Mayor Dolan** reported that the Conference of Mayors meeting and press conference was held here at City Hall. During the conference, a Utah MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) presentation was provided. The topic of discussion was under aged drinking and what it does to the brain. The brains of youth, under the age of 21, are not fully formed. Drinking has been shown to inflict permanent damage on youth. The goal is to cut under age drinking in half.
- e. **The Mayor** reported that Marsha Millet supervised the Youth City Council in the planning and promotion of a Teachers Appreciation Banquet. Mayor Dolan felt this was an excellent event where students honored their former teachers.
- f. **Mayor Dolan** reported that he met with Salt Lake County's Mayor Peter Carroon regarding the proposed parking structure for the South Town Expo Center.
- g. **The Mayor** reported that he attended a ceremony held at the Sandy Senior Citizen Center entitled "Older Americans Month". He presented two pieces of art work to the center that will be displayed inside and outside of the building.

Chris McCandless commented, "Mayor Dolan, if you need help filling out your Senior Citizens Center membership application, I'm sure Steve Fairbanks can help." He thanked Shane Pace and his employees for their presentation and the knowledge that he gained.

11. **CAO'S REPORT:**

- a. **CAO Byron Jorgenson** presented the Council with copies of the *Departmental Briefs*. He indicated that he and the Administration have been greatly impressed with the complexity of the work that is performed by City employees as each City department has made its operations presentation. Employees have shown their dedication and that they put their heart into their work.

Linda Martinez Saville stated that she agreed with Mr. Jorgenson's comments about the City's employees.

Byron Jorgenson added that he has gone on ride-alongs with the Public Works Department during snow storms at 4:00 a.m. He said he could sense that these dedicated employees have given their heart and commitment to take care of the public. They go out during the worst of weather to protect the community and make it safer.

- b. **Mr. Jorgenson** reported that crews have filled 7,000 sand bags that are being stored at Public Works. They are asking for volunteers to fill 3,000 more, as our crews are very busy with Spring Clean-up duties. An additional 3,000 bags will be kept in storage for emergencies. There is a concern that flooding could occur as the snow melts. He humorously added, "We have been praying for moisture, and now we're praying for sand bags." Sandy will offer to help other cities who are having flooding problems. We did offer help to St. George, but they didn't take us up on the offer.

12. **COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- a. **Phil Glenn** reported that Community Development Director Mike Coulam has his department working to develop the new Historic Sandy Master Plan. They will be enlisting input from a Steering Committee. He asked if any of the City Council members would like to serve on the committee. (Scott Cowdell and John Winder stated that they would like to serve and be notified of future meetings.)
- b. **Mr. Glenn** reminded the Council that the Annual Police Banquet will be held May 18th. The banquet social hour is at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7:00 p.m. He asked the Council to please RSVP, if they plan to attend. Sign-ups for open enrollment for all Sandy City Employees will occur this month. All Council members who are going to take advantage of the City's health insurance must complete an open enrollment form by the

end of May. He also reminded Council members that the office needs to know whether any Council member plans on making changes to their health insurance coverage status. Members dropping coverage or taking new coverage will result in significant budget changes.

13. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- a. **Bryant Anderson** said, "When Little Cottonwood Creek is raging from Spring runoff, we should encourage people to use more water, rather than let it be wasted in run off."
- b. **Bryant Anderson** asked, "When are red tags placed on the public's doors for late payment of water bills, and are they required to pay a late fee?"

Shane Pace responded that water shut-off notices are not posted until the resident is 80 days in arrears. They are not required to pay a late fee, unless the water is shut off. However, they are required to pay interest on the past-due balance.

Bryant Anderson stated that he felt that those residents who are 80 days in arrears should pay a late fee. There are costs incurred by the City to have an employee go to the home to place a notice. It was his recommendation that a late fee be included in the fee schedule in the upcoming budget. Bryant Anderson asked, "Have we identified potential flood areas within the City?"

Byron Jorgenson responded, "We have tried to identify weak points, but we are restricted in some areas by the Corp of Army Engineers; for instance, placing big rocks to line stream beds. We are, however, doing the very best we can."

- c. **Bryant Anderson** asked Council Chairman Scott Cowdell about the previously discussed service committee to be established to categorize service projects citizens can work on. He stated that he would like to be a member of that committee.
- d. **John Winder** asked if any solutions had been found which relate to the April 12th Sanders Road safety issues that were brought before the Council.

Phil Glenn responded that the Council will soon to take a tour, so they can see the problem for themselves. Rick Smith has had his staff looking at various traffic calming devices and redirecting features to try and make people stay within the traveled roadway, as they should.

- e. **John Winder** reported that he has been contacted by Charles Hardy regarding a speeding problem on David Street. Mr. Hardy would like to see speed bumps or dips put all along this street.

Scott Cowdell responded that speeding problems exist on David Street, 300 East and 700 East. Mr. Cowdell stated that he has told Mr. Hardy, on other occasions that speed bumps do not work. They cause damage to snow removal equipment and they create a liability to the City. He suggested that Rick Smith review the problem and consider installing chicanes to slow traffic.

- f. **Scott Cowdell** stated that he continues to be concerned that too much stucco is being allowed to be used on new construction. He has witnessed many newer homes that are already showing deterioration problems with their stucco. Mr. Cowdell stated that he would like to see a code amendment implemented that requires more rock and brick on new construction, and less or no stucco. Siding could also be looked at, as another alternative.

Mayor Dolan reported that he has a friend who has already spent \$15,000 to repair his stucco, and is looking at another \$12,000 to complete the repair.

Chris McCandless commented that Planning Staff have done a great job of making sure that the stucco that is being used is better and better. He suggested that Staff present this proposal to the Home Builders Association, and get their input. Mr. McCandless noted that brick significantly increases building costs.

Mike Coulam referenced the Garbett project that includes both brick and stucco. They are using Hardy Planks, a stucco material that holds up much better. Mr. Coulam agreed with Mr. Cowdell's idea to look at the City's ordinance, and added that siding would help with affordability. He also liked Chris McCandless' idea to bring in home builders.

John Winder noted that Scott Marsell indicated that some of the stucco problems we are seeing are caused because an ice shield was not being installed. If constructed correctly, most stucco is ok.

- g. **Scott Cowdell** stated that he did not believe the homes being constructed in Historic Sandy were being designed to look historic. He said, "They look like tract homes."

Mike Coulam responded that the new Historic Sandy Master Plan should have guidelines that reflect Mr. Cowdell's concerns.

- h. **Scott Cowdell** reported that the same developer, as the one developing the gravel pit, has developed a shopping center at approximately 126th South that includes a Kohls store. He stated that he did not like the appearance of a stucco wall that surrounds this development's perimeter.

Mike Coulam commented that a development that will more closely represent the architecture that is planned for the gravel pit area is located on 21st South, where the old Granite Furniture store was previously located. He stated that Walmart and Lowes are coming up with a good product.

Scott Cowdell added, "We want the front of the development to look as good as the back."

At approximately 8:35 p.m., Dennis Tenney made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, motion seconded by Linda Martinez Saville.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Scott L. Cowdell
Council Chairman
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Naleen Wright
Council Office Manager